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MEMORANDUM

Due to technical improvements in the Commission's ability to electronically monitor the compliance of employer/carriers' and self-insurers' obligations to timely report injuries and payment and/or suspension of compensation benefits, as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. Section 71-3-67 and Miss. Code Ann. Section 71-3-37 respectively, the Commission will be actively pursuing new measures to significantly improve employer/carriers' and self-insurers' compliance with those obligations. Furthermore, failure of the employer/carriers and self-insurers to comply with those sections of law may result in the imposition by the Commission of any applicable penalty set forth therein, and/or additional penalties, fees, or expenses as set forth in Miss. Code Ann. Section 71-3-59.

This memorandum is issued with the intention to give employer/carriers and self-insurers notice and fair warning that such improved monitoring has commenced and may result in a significant increase in the imposition of penalties for non-compliance. The imposition of penalties will not be applied retroactively to filings made prior to the date of this memorandum unless otherwise specifically ordered on individual claims by an Administrative Judge or the Commission.

The relevant provisions of law can be viewed on the Commission's website: http://www.mwcc.ms.gov

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